



Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade

By Jane Hamsher

Download now

Read Online ➔

Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher

Fresh out of film school, aspiring producer Jane Hamsher and her partner Don Murphy stumbled onto a screenplay by a geeky filmmaker-wannabe named Quentin Tarantino. For \$10,000, Jane and Don optioned *Natural Born Killers* and set off on a two-year roller coaster ride no classroom could have prepared them for. With an outrageous cast of real-life characters including Oliver Stone, Woody Harrelson, Robert Downey, Jr., and Juliette Lewis--along with a slew of film-crew leeches and behind-the-scenes studio pitbulls--*Killer Instinct* rivals the most mesmerizing, gut-wrenching movie scenes. A wild joyride like no other, Hamsher's tale provides a fresh, insider's perspective on stardom and the real balance of power in Hollywood.

↓ [Download Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on H ...pdf](#)

📖 [Read Online Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on ...pdf](#)

Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade

By Jane Hamsher

Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher

Fresh out of film school, aspiring producer Jane Hamsher and her partner Don Murphy stumbled onto a screenplay by a geeky filmmaker-wannabe named Quentin Tarantino. For \$10,000, Jane and Don optioned *Natural Born Killers* and set off on a two-year roller coaster ride no classroom could have prepared them for. With an outrageous cast of real-life characters including Oliver Stone, Woody Harrelson, Robert Downey, Jr., and Juliette Lewis--along with a slew of film-crew leeches and behind-the-scenes studio pitbulls--*Killer Instinct* rivals the most mesmerizing, gut-wrenching movie scenes. A wild joyride like no other, Hamsher's tale provides a fresh, insider's perspective on stardom and the real balance of power in Hollywood.

Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #518543 in Books
- Brand: Brand: Broadway Books
- Published on: 1998-06-01
- Released on: 1998-06-01
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.50" h x .50" w x 5.50" l, .85 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 304 pages

 [Download Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on H ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online **Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade** By Jane Hamsher

Editorial Review

From Library Journal

At the beginning of her tale of the making of a big Hollywood picture, Hamsher finds herself in her bathrobe with the flu and not enough money to pay the rent. She goes on to chronicle the misadventures of her life with business partner Don Murphy as they try to succeed as film producers in Hollywood shortly after graduating from the University of Southern California film school. They live on their passion for movies and lunches with people who may or, more likely, may not be able to help them advance their careers. Finally, their work pays off as they buy the script for *Natural Born Killers* from then unknown Quentin Tarantino and convince Oliver Stone to direct it, resulting in one of the most controversial films ever made?and a great success for the young producers. Hamsher's style is gritty and to the point, she drops names, and she is unabashedly critical of the Hollywood power players and the men's world she encounters. The reader should know a bit about the film industry before reading this volume, which ultimately would make an interesting film. For academic or public libraries with film collections.?Lisa N. Johnston, Sweet Briar Coll. Lib., Va. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Kirkus Reviews

This lean, mean, scabrously honest account of the making of *Natural Born Killers* amply proves the truism that moviemaking is a "controlled accident." What goes on behind the scenes of certain movies is often a better, more involving story than what appears on-screen. Such is certainly the case with the notorious *Natural Born Killers*. One of Quentin Tarantino's early scripts, it was optioned by two ambitious recent film-school graduates, Hamsher and Don Murphy. The script was optioned when Tarantino was still an unknown; later, a suddenly hot Tarantino decided that he didn't want the film to be made. His substantial efforts to stop Murphy and Hamsher (including bad-mouthing the pair to studios) were trumped, however, when Oliver Stone decided that he wanted to make this his next film. And that's when things really spun out of control, including long, drug-fueled location-scouting trips, a prison riot during shooting, and innumerable back-stabbings. Stone's preferred modus operandi involves elaborate mindgames, playing his crew members off against each other--purportedly to energize their creativity. The results were predictably chaotic and venomous. Rarely has a book by a Hollywood player (albeit a minor one) been so confessional and recklessly revealing, detailing just how mean and twisted, petty and vindictive, the movie industry can be: "The world of Hollywood . . . belonged to the cantankerous sons of bitches who were willing to risk any humiliation, broach any authority, get on the phone and scream until they got what they wanted." Hamsher freely burns bridges left and right, viciously (though apparently justifiably) damning Tarantino, sideswiping Stone, lambasting agents and studio execs. Forget lunch. After this book, she'll be lucky to do a snack in Hollywood. But her recklessness is our gain: This compelling look behind the curtain should help dispel forever any fond illusions about the "magic" of movies. (35 b&w photos, not seen) -- Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

Review

Advance Praise for *Killer Instinct*:

"This lean, mean, scabrously honest account of the making of *Natural Born Killers* amply proves the truism that moviemaking is a 'controlled accident'. . . . Rarely has a book by a Hollywood player . . . been so confessional and recklessly revealing. . . . This compelling look behind the curtain should help dispel forever any fond illusions about the 'magic' of movies."

--Kirkus Reviews

"Few books capture the roller-coaster ride of trying to get a movie made as enjoyably as this one."

--Roger Avary, cowriter, *Pulp Fiction*

"Fast, funny and horrifically honest, this is Hollywood from the locusts' point of view, shot through a jeweled and compounded eye. . . . A terrific book."

--Alan Moore, author, *The Watchmen* and *V for Vendetta*

"Drugs! Sex! Madness! Movie Stars! *Killer Instinct* is a screamingly funny, seriously terrifying saga of two naifs who outfox the psychotic dons who run the film business. . . . With this book, Jane Hamsher elevates the Hollywood tell-all to a literary art form."

--Jerry Stahl, author, *Permanent Midnight*

"Fax and copy machines are working overtime in Hollywood with galleys of *Killer Instinct*. . . . Gossipy . . . [and] filled with wicked wit. . . . Hamsher's gonzo take on *NBK*'s evolution offers an insider's view of show-biz egos."

--*Time*

From the Hardcover edition.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Lourdes Williams:

The book *Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade* can give more knowledge and also the precise product information about everything you want. Why must we leave a very important thing like a book *Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade*? Some of you have a different opinion about e-book. But one aim in which book can give many details for us. It is absolutely proper. Right now, try to closer together with your book. Knowledge or details that you take for that, you may give for each other; you could share all of these. Book *Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade* has simple shape nevertheless, you know: it has great and big function for you. You can seem the enormous world by open and read a e-book. So it is very wonderful.

Jennifer Garza:

The event that you get from *Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade* could be the more deep you looking the information that hide within the words the more you get enthusiastic about reading it. It doesn't mean that this book is hard to know but *Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade* giving you enjoyment feeling of reading. The author conveys their point in certain way that can be understood by simply anyone who read this because the author of this reserve is well-known enough. That book also makes your own vocabulary increase well. It is therefore easy to understand then can go along, both in printed or e-book style are available. We highly recommend you for having this specific *Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the*

Decade instantly.

Rosemarie Sanders:

Spent a free time and energy to be fun activity to try and do! A lot of people spent their free time with their family, or their very own friends. Usually they undertaking activity like watching television, about to beach, or picnic inside park. They actually doing ditto every week. Do you feel it? Would you like to something different to fill your own personal free time/ holiday? Could be reading a book is usually option to fill your free of charge time/ holiday. The first thing that you will ask may be what kinds of e-book that you should read. If you want to test look for book, may be the reserve untitled Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade can be very good book to read. May be it can be best activity to you.

Palmer Schwartz:

A lot of people always spent all their free time to vacation or maybe go to the outside with them friends and family or their friend. Do you realize? Many a lot of people spent these people free time just watching TV, or playing video games all day long. If you need to try to find a new activity honestly, that is look different you can read any book. It is really fun for you. If you enjoy the book you read you can spent all day every day to reading a guide. The book Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade it is extremely good to read. There are a lot of those who recommended this book. We were holding enjoying reading this book. In case you did not have enough space to deliver this book you can buy the actual e-book. You can m0ore easily to read this book from a smart phone. The price is not too costly but this book features high quality.

Download and Read Online Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher #YVMTU8GL9QA

Read Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher for online ebook

Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher books to read online.

Online Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher ebook PDF download

Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher Doc

Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher Mobipocket

Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher EPub

YVMTU8GL9QA: Killer Instinct: How Two Young Producers Took on Hollywood and Made the Most Controversial Film of the Decade By Jane Hamsher